



Docket No.: 43890-448

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

In re Application of: : Customer Number: 20277  
Masato HIGASHI : Confirmation Number: 3423  
Serial No.: 09/673,628 : Group Art Unit: 2164  
Filed: December 08, 2000 : Examiner: Samuel G. Rimell  
For: DISK SYSTEM AND METHOD OF UPDATING FIRMWARE

*APPROVED  
FOR  
ENTRY*

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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*11/17/06*

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 18, 2006, and the petition for a two-month extension of time up to and including October 18, 2006 being filed concurrently herewith, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.